

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the Examiner's confirmation of receipt of Applicants' claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) and certified copy of the priority document for the German Patent Application 102 32 179.5, filed July 16, 2002 supporting the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

Claims 1-3, 6-7, 9-14, 16-22 and 24-35 remain in the application. Claim 17 has been amended.

The courtesy of Examiner Versteeg in discussing the above-identified application with undersigned Counsel on September 29, 2005 is appreciated. In that conversation, the Examiner and Counsel discussed claim 17 and that the first and second magnetic field devices recited therein might be considered in conflict with the single magnetic device recited in claim 12, on which claim 17 was dependent.

It was agreed that Counsel would file an Amendment making claim 17 independent and reciting the features of claim 12, except for the first and second magnetic field devices of

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claim 17 which would be retained. Those changes have been made herein.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-3, 6-7, 9-14, 16-22 and 24-35, all of the claims remaining in the application, are solicited.

Enclosed is Counsel's payment in the amount of \$200.00 for one additional independent claim in excess of three.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate receiving a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out. In the alternative, the entry of the amendment is requested, as it is believed to place the application in better condition for appeal, without requiring extension of the field of search.

If an extension of time is required, petition for extension is herewith made. Any extension fee associated therewith should be charged to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

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Please charge any other fees that might be due with respect  
to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner  
and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

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